

# Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report

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40ft high-cube 16,444 14,686 14,782 4% 14,201 40ft refrigerated 2,257 1,488 1,670 1,530 -8% 20ft refrigerated 179 194 222 247 11%

Ports: The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Norfolk, and Charleston are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over

the next 3 weeks. Container availability estimates for New York and Charleston

increased over the previous week and estimates for Los Angeles/Long Beach and

Norfolk fell. Over the next 3 weeks, overall availability in Los Angeles/Long Beach, New

Inland Locations: Among the reported inland locations, Chicago, Dallas, Memphis, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks.

Each of these locations experienced decreases from the previous week, but availability

Equipment: Overall, availability of all container types combined was down 251 units

Container availability decreased this week for each container type except for 40ft

high-cube and 20ft refrigerated containers (see table below). Availability of 40ft refrigerated containers experienced the largest decrease this week, falling 8

percent. Availability of 20ft and 40ft dry containers has declined for 4 consecutive

However, availability of 20ft refrigerated containers is up for the fifth consecutive

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

week, particularly in Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Charleston, and New

Week of

Apr 3-9

9,042

8,452

Week of

Apr 10-16

8,601

8,176

% Change from

Previous Week

-5%

-3%

York, and Charleston is expected to increase; decreases are expected in Norfolk.

from the previous week and more than 10,700 units over the past 4 weeks.

at each location is expected to increase over the next 3 weeks.

\*Week of Week of Mar

27-Apr 2

11,021

9,304

Mar 20-26

11,059

10,942

\*Data updated to reflect all 8 participating carriers.

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Orleans.

20ft dry

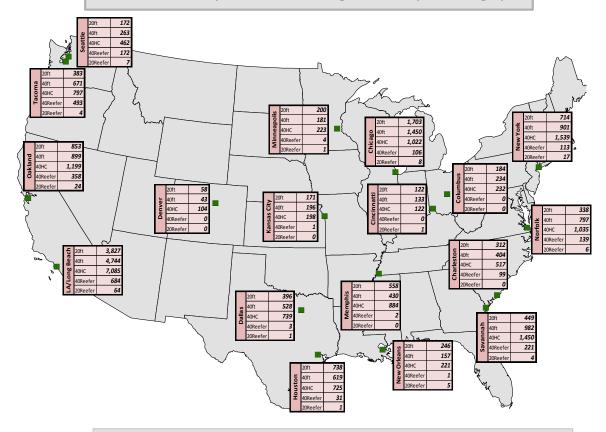
40ft dry

**Container type** 

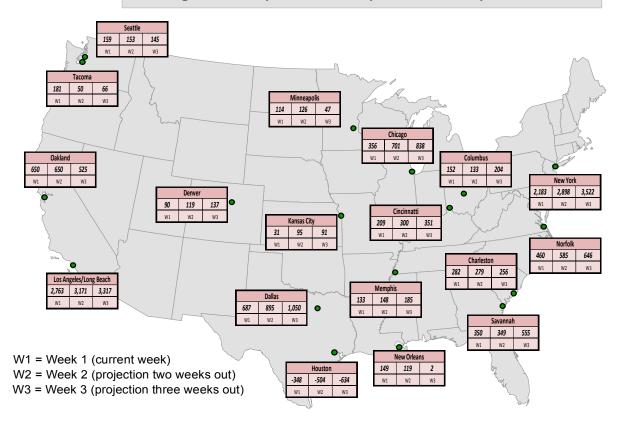
Weekly Container Overview



#### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

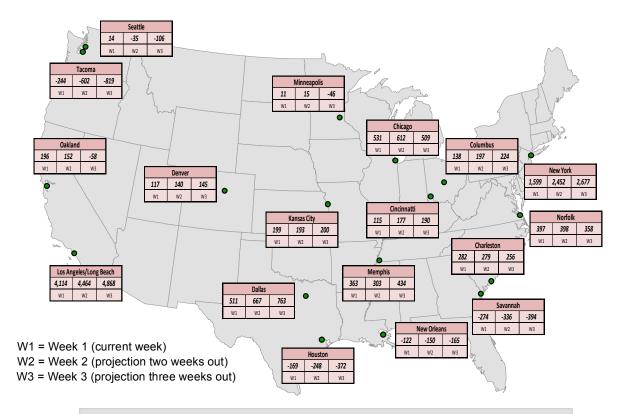


## Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

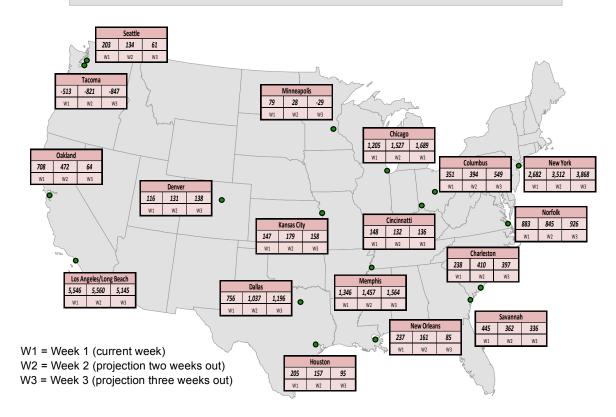




## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

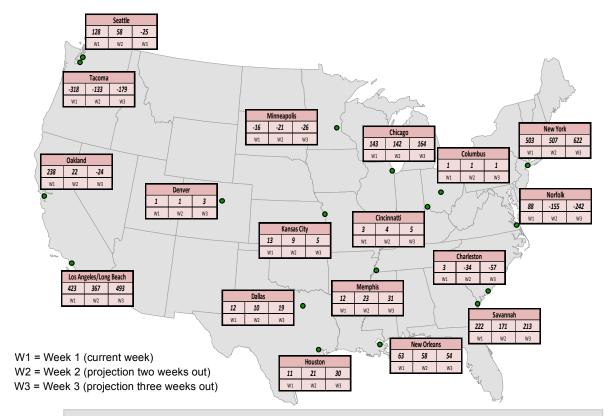


#### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

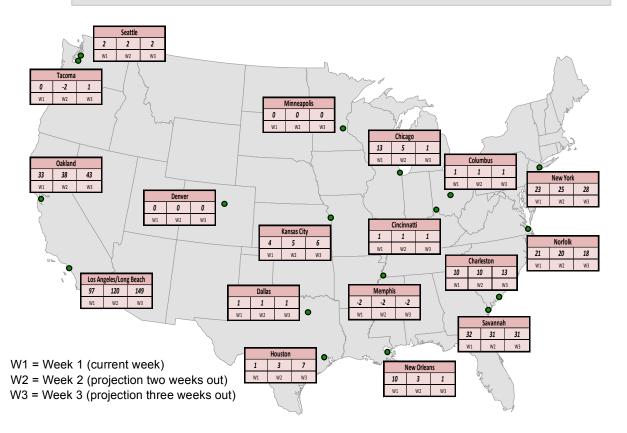




## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



## Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





	•	•	•	Charle	eston	•	•	•	•	•	•
				20ft	Dry						
				Carrie	r Availab	ility Res	ponses				Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	134	50	49	27	21	6	2	-7			282
Week 2: Apr 17-23	150	50	49	10	67	10	4	-61			279
Week 3: Apr 24-30	182	50	49	2	55	23	4	-109	•		256
	1			40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Responses											
Current Week: Apr 10-16	404	173	51	21	20	8	4	-1			680
Week 2: Apr 17-23	463	196	51	22	20	7	7	101			867
Week 3: Apr 24-30	504	229	51	25	20	6	-4	97			928
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	205	108	21	10	9	8	-10	-113			238
Week 2: Apr 17-23	278	127	21	10	-22	8	11	-23			410
Week 3: Apr 24-30	338	141	21	10	-61	6	-28	-30			397
				40ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	40	17	8	5	1	-10	-58				3
Week 2: Apr 17-23	5	16	12	5	1	-15	-58				-34
Week 3: Apr 24-30	-32	16	16	5	1	-11	-52				-57
			- :	20ft Refri	gerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	5	4	1								10
Week 2: Apr 17-23	5	4	1								10
Week 3: Apr 24-30	6	6	1								13

#### **Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput** June 2012-November 2012 Range of Individual **Average Total Container Types** Weekly Throughput\* **Carrier Responses** 20ft 312 0...108 40ft 404 0...200 40ft High Cubes 517 17...200 **40ft Refrigerated** 99 0...60 20ft Refrigerated 0 0...0

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	•	•	•	Chic	ago	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	400	50	40	16	10	-15	-65	-80			356
Week 2: Apr 17-23	400	50	23	-27	10	287	103	-145			701
Week 3: Apr 24-30	400	50	-143	-36	5	435	265	-138			838
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	600	60	18	17	11	9	-18	-166			531
Week 2: Apr 17-23	600	81	-44	17	11	-17	78	-114			612
Week 3: Apr 24-30	600	-191	31	17	11	-26	151	-84			509
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	700	285	115	60	44	18	12	-29			1,205
Week 2: Apr 17-23	700	421	192	60	154	-43	12	31			1,527
Week 3: Apr 24-30	700	523	220	60	307	-45	12	-88			1,689
	·		4	Oft Refri	gerated			,	•		
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	97	20	12	10	6	-2					143
Week 2: Apr 17-23	96	20	12	10	6	-2					142
Week 3: Apr 24-30	96	41	12	11	6	-2					164
	•		2	20ft Refri	gerated						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	16	-3									13
Week 2: Apr 17-23	11	-6						•			5
Week 3: Apr 24-30	6	-5									1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month	Snapshot of Aver	age Weekly										
Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	ontainer Types   Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Responses											
20ft	1,703	93600										
40ft	1,450	5302										
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34405										
40ft Refrigerated	106	051										
20ft Refrigerated	8	04										

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month time frame



		•	•	Cincin	natti	•	•	•	•		
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	62	36	34	28	25	16	15	-7			209
Week 2: Apr 17-23	93	76	34	32	25	28	14	-2			300
Week 3: Apr 24-30	128	68	34	31	25	48	19	-2			351
	1			40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	51	30	25	15	9	1	0	-16			115
Week 2: Apr 17-23	65	41	25	15	2	1	-3	31			177
Week 3: Apr 24-30	91	54	25	17	-1	1	-6	9			190
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	50	32	19	17	15	8	6	1			148
Week 2: Apr 17-23	50	29	15	15	19	8	1	-5			132
Week 3: Apr 24-30	50	47	12	14	22	8	2	-19			136
			4	40ft Refri	igerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	3	0									3
Week 2: Apr 17-23	4	0									4
Week 3: Apr 24-30	5	0									5
			- 2	20ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1										1
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1					•	•				1
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1										1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

#### **Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput** June 2012-November 2012 **Average Total** Range of Individual **Container Types** Weekly Throughput\* **Carrier Responses** 20ft 122 7...35 40ft 8...30 133 **40ft High Cubes** 122 11...35 **40ft Refrigerated** 0 0...0 **20ft Refrigerated** 1 0...1

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



		•	•	Colur	nbus	•	•	•	•	•	•
	_			20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	71	30	15	13	10	10	4	-1			152
Week 2: Apr 17-23	82	-18	14	27	12	10	4	2			133
Week 3: Apr 24-30	91	15	30	41	12	10	4	1			204
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	70	45	37	11	11	-4	-8	-24			138
Week 2: Apr 17-23	93	45	47	11	11	-1	-1	-8			197
Week 3: Apr 24-30	118	45	57	11	16	-4	16	-35			224
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	132	80	64	33	17	15	10	0			351
Week 2: Apr 17-23	193	80	32	60	19	15	10	-15			394
Week 3: Apr 24-30	250	80	54	127	34	14	10	-20			549
			4	10ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1	0									1
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1	0									1
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1	0									1
			2	20ft Refri	gerated						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1										1
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1						•	•			1
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1										1

Six-Month	Snapshot of Aver	age Weekly										
	Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses										
20ft	184	860										
40ft	234	680										
40ft High Cubes	232	1560										
40ft Refrigerated	0	00										
20ft Refrigerated	0	00										

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	•	•	•	Dal	las	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	257	112	76	75	74	54	24	15			687
Week 2: Apr 17-23	358	153	90	75	121	63	20	15			895
Week 3: Apr 24-30	458	221	70	75	203	-12	20	15			1,050
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	125	103	84	75	53	48	23	0			511
Week 2: Apr 17-23	125	173	63	76	122	88	20	0			667
Week 3: Apr 24-30	125	261	50	-7	191	123	20	0			763
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	182	169	105	100	85	82	23	10			756
Week 2: Apr 17-23	241	249	192	100	83	82	22	68			1,037
Week 3: Apr 24-30	302	398	257	100	60	82	20	-23			1,196
			- 4	40ft Refri	igerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	13	0	-1	Ι.							12
Week 2: Apr 17-23	13	0	-3								10
Week 3: Apr 24-30	24	0	-5								19
	•		7	20ft Refri	igerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1								·		1
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1					•					1
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1										1

#### **Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput** June 2012-November 2012 Range of Individual **Average Total Container Types** Weekly Throughput\* **Carrier Responses** 20ft 396 5...150 40ft 528 12...250 40ft High Cubes 739 22...250 **40ft Refrigerated** 3 0...3 1 20ft Refrigerated 0...1

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				Den	ver						
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	88	20	8	3	-1	-5	-8	-15			90
Week 2: Apr 17-23	108	20	8	5	-1	-3	-8	-10			119
Week 3: Apr 24-30	129	20	-1	10	-3	-2	-8	-8			137
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	50	34	11	10	7	6	4	-5			117
Week 2: Apr 17-23	60	34	16	10	5	5	4	6			140
Week 3: Apr 24-30	73	33	15	10	0	2	4	8			145
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	50	31	13	10	5	4	2	1			116
Week 2: Apr 17-23	70	17	18	10	5	3	2	6			131
Week 3: Apr 24-30	88	13	19	10	5	2	2	-1			138
	,			10ft Refri	gerated			•	•	•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1	0									1
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1	0									1
Week 3: Apr 24-30	3	0									3
	,		2	20ft Refri	gerated	•	•	•	•	•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	0										0
Week 2: Apr 17-23	0								•		0
Week 3: Apr 24-30	0										0

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
	Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012													
Container Types Average Total Range of Individual													
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Responses												
20ft	58	317											
40ft	43	110											
40ft High Cubes	104	150											
40ft Refrigerated	0	00											
20ft Refrigerated	0	00											

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



				Hous	ston						
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	89	30	26	8	7	-23	-28	-457			-348
Week 2: Apr 17-23	28	30	1	9	7	-7	-4	-568			-504
Week 3: Apr 24-30	0	30	-7	9	7	-10	14	-677			-634
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	185	172	32	4	1	-12	-36	-515			-169
Week 2: Apr 17-23	185	185	0	4	2	-2	-19	-603			-248
Week 3: Apr 24-30	185	132	64	4	4	21	-25	-757			-372
	•			40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	165	101	50	24	5	-32	-53	-55			205
Week 2: Apr 17-23	188	21	50	16	2	-20	-53	-47			157
Week 3: Apr 24-30	234	-159	50	76	1	-3	-53	-51			95
			4	40ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	15	6	2	0	-12						11
Week 2: Apr 17-23	15	22	2	0	-18						21
Week 3: Apr 24-30	10	42	2	0	-24						30
			7	20ft Refri	gerated						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	8	0	-7								1
Week 2: Apr 17-23	10	0	-7								3
Week 3: Apr 24-30	12	0	-5							•	7

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	ner Types   Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Responses											
20ft	738	50316										
40ft	619	50126										
40ft High Cubes	725	26355										
40ft Refrigerated	31	012										
20ft Refrigerated	1	01										

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	•			Kansa	s City	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	31	20	8	5	1	-10	-12	-12			31
Week 2: Apr 17-23	52	28	34	5	1	-8	-14	-3			95
Week 3: Apr 24-30	79	39	-43	5	1	-4	19	-5	•		91
	1			40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											
Current Week: Apr 10-16	170	31	7	5	0	0	-4	-10			199
Week 2: Apr 17-23	170	34	26	8	0	-2	-31	-12			193
Week 3: Apr 24-30	170	39	29	16	0	-4	-35	-15			200
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	130	106	17	0	-1	-12	-17	-76			147
Week 2: Apr 17-23	130	143	33	4	-1	-15	-10	-105			179
Week 3: Apr 24-30	130	210	-30	14	-1	-18	-15	-132			158
	•		4	40ft Refri	gerated		•	•	•	•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	11	2	0								13
Week 2: Apr 17-23	7	2	0								9
Week 3: Apr 24-30	3	2	0								5
			2	20ft Refri	igerated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	4										4
Week 2: Apr 17-23	5										5
Week 3: Apr 24-30	6										6

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	171	760									
40ft	196	975									
40ft High Cubes	198	1459									
40ft Refrigerated	1	01									
20ft Refrigerated	0	00									

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•	Los	Ange	les ar	d Lon	g Bea	ch	•	•			
			20ft	Dry							
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										
1,300	476	334	285	248	109	45	-34			2,763	
1,300	401	334	323	407	262	50	94			3,171	
1,300	410	334	-14	611	409	50	217			3,317	
			40ft	Dry							
Carrier Availability Category Responses											
1,400	900	754	575	318	242	45	-120			4,114	
<u> </u>		638	820	365	242	50	-273			4,464	
1,400	1,683	605	1,039	-53	242	50	-98			4,868	
,	,			h Cube				•		<u> </u>	
		Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total	
3,100	1,281	692	531	169	138	60	-425			5,546	
3,100	950	908	531	205	285	60	-479			5,560	
3,100	910	986	531	-132	201	60	-511			5,145	
		4	Oft Refri	gerated							
		Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total	
202	120	100	78	75	-66	-86				423	
249	84	100	22	75	-66	-97				367	
293	91	100	97	75	-66	-97				493	
		2	20ft Refri	gerated							
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
75	12	10					,			97	
93	17	10								120	
109	30	10								149	
	1,300 1,300 1,300 1,400 1,400 3,100 3,100 202 249 293 75 93	1,300 476 1,300 401 1,300 410  1,400 900 1,400 1,222 1,400 1,683  3,100 1,281 3,100 950 3,100 910  202 120 249 84 293 91  75 12 93 17	Ca  1,300   476   334  1,300   401   334  1,300   410   334  1,300   410   334  Ca  1,400   900   754  1,400   1,222   638  1,400   1,683   605   Ca  3,100   1,281   692  3,100   950   908  3,100   910   986  Ca  202   120   100  249   84   100  293   91   100  Ca  75   12   10  93   17   10	Carrier Ava   1,300   476   334   285   1,300   401   334   323   1,300   410   334   -14   40ft   Carrier Ava   1,400   900   754   575   1,400   1,683   605   1,039   40ft High   Carrier Ava   3,100   1,281   692   531   3,100   950   908   531   3,100   910   986   531   3,100   910   986   531   40ft Refri   Carrier Ava   202   120   100   78   249   84   100   22   293   91   100   97   20ft Refri   Carrier Ava   75   12   10   .	Carrier Availability (1)   1,300	1,300	Carrier Availability Category Responsion   1,300	Carrier Availability Category Responses	Carrier Availability Category Responses	Carrier Availability Category Responses	

Six-Month	Snapshot of Aver	age Weekly										
	Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua										
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>										
20ft	3,827	462500										
40ft	4,744	833000										
40ft High Cubes	7,085	2033300										
40ft Refrigerated	684	21300										
20ft Refrigerated	64	150										

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				Mem	phis						
				20ft	<u> </u>						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	80	48	29	20	16	2	-3	-59			133
Week 2: Apr 17-23	80	61	13	20	35	1	8	-70		•	148
Week 3: Apr 24-30	80	42	7	20	48	1	4	-17			185
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	200	158	22	18	15	7	6	-63			363
Week 2: Apr 17-23	200	114	18	35	2	7	10	-83			303
Week 3: Apr 24-30	200	180	82	48	0	7	12	-95			434
				40ft High	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1,000	160	143	30	8	5	2	-2			1,346
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1,000	190	187	16	7	5	2	50			1,457
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1,000	238	237	22	5	5	-10	67			1,564
			4	10ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	12	0	0								12
Week 2: Apr 17-23	21	2	0								23
Week 3: Apr 24-30	27	4	0								31
			2	20ft Refri	gerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Apr 10-16	-2				·					•	-2
Week 2: Apr 17-23	-2										-2
Week 3: Apr 24-30	-2										-2

## Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012

Containor Tunos	Average Total	Range of Individual				
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses				
20ft	558	11300				
40ft	430	11200				
40ft High Cubes	884	9600				
40ft Refrigerated	2	02				
20ft Refrigerated	0	00				

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	•	•	١	/linne	apolis		•		•		
				20ft	Dry						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	100	42	17	8	-1	-5	-9	-38	•	•	114
Week 2: Apr 17-23	100	68	-24	2	-1	-1	-9	-9	•		126
Week 3: Apr 24-30	100	98	-63	6	-1	-10	-8	-75	•		47
				40ft	Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	30	19	6	6	0	-2	-8	-40			11
Week 2: Apr 17-23	30	9	5	6	-32	-10	27	-20			15
Week 3: Apr 24-30	30	-8	6	6	-61	-10	31	-40	ē		-46
	•		•	40ft Hig	h Cube	•			•	•	
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	125	57	10	2	-10	-11	-20	-74			79
Week 2: Apr 17-23	125	53	10	-1	-10	-15	9	-143			28
Week 3: Apr 24-30	125	70	10	9	-10	-30	14	-217			-29
			4	10ft Refr	igerated					•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	0	-16									-16
Week 2: Apr 17-23	0	-21									-21
Week 3: Apr 24-30	0	-26									-26
			2	20ft Refr	igerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Apr 10-16	0										0
Week 2: Apr 17-23	0	•					•		•	•	0
Week 3: Apr 24-30	0										0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month	Snapshot of Aver	age Weekly									
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	200	3102									
40ft	181	180									
40ft High Cubes	223	2144									
40ft Refrigerated	4	04									
20ft Refrigerated	1	01									

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



			N	lew O	rleans	 :					
				20ft		<u> </u>					
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	100	34	14	2	2	0	0	-3			149
Week 2: Apr 17-23	73	26	15	5	2	-1	0	-1			119
Week 3: Apr 24-30	-41	10	16	18	2	-1	0	-2			2
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	14	8	4	0	0	-1	-59	-88			-122
Week 2: Apr 17-23	18	12	2	0	0	-1	-109	-72			-150
Week 3: Apr 24-30	17	5	0	0	0	-1	-170	-16			-165
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	211	15	15	5	0	0	-3	-6			237
Week 2: Apr 17-23	121	26	18	6	0	0	-3	-7			161
Week 3: Apr 24-30	26	31	17	7	0	0	-3	7			85
			4	10ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	71	0	-8								63
Week 2: Apr 17-23	66	0	-8								58
Week 3: Apr 24-30	61	0	-7								54
			2	20ft Refri	gerated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Apr 10-16	8	2									10
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1	2									3
Week 3: Apr 24-30	-1	2									1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
	Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual										
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>										
20ft	246	5158										
40ft	157	580										
40ft High Cubes	221	5139										
40ft Refrigerated	1	01										
20ft Refrigerated	5	05										

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	•	•		New	York			•	•		
				20ft	Dry						
		<b>Carrier Availability Category Responses</b>									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	605	585	475	167	129	113	79	30			2,183
Week 2: Apr 17-23	688	903	475	335	196	113	148	40			2,898
Week 3: Apr 24-30	830	1,199	475	504	150	113	206	45			3,522
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	786	407	350	170	25	19	-38	-120			1,599
Week 2: Apr 17-23	840	664	350	299	35	19	93	152			2,452
Week 3: Apr 24-30	901	904	350	417	40	19	60	-14			2,677
				40ft Hig	h Cube			•			
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1,200	996	192	173	168	58	25	-130			2,682
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1,200	1,039	508	173	202	346	35	9			3,512
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1,200	1,095	769	173	364	212	50	5			3,868
			4	40ft Refri	igerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	148	126	88	81	35	15	10				503
Week 2: Apr 17-23	187	21	130	109	35	15	10				507
Week 3: Apr 24-30	225	15	180	137	35	20	10				622
			7	20ft Refri	gerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	22	5	-4								23
Week 2: Apr 17-23	26	5	-6								25
Week 3: Apr 24-30	30	5	-7			•					28

# Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

June 2012-November 2012

Container Tunes	Average Total	Range of Individual				
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>				
20ft	714	3150				
40ft	901	56250				
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87400				
40ft Refrigerated	113	036				
20ft Refrigerated	17	010				

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



				Norf	olk						
				20ft	Dry						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Apr 10-16	255	100	75	58	10	5	-13	-30			460
Week 2: Apr 17-23	230	100	170	33	10	5	-30	67			585
Week 3: Apr 24-30	222	100	261	-7	10	5	0	55	•		646
				40ft	Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											
Current Week: Apr 10-16	250	191	103	12	-4	-22	-28	-105			397
Week 2: Apr 17-23	250	173	77	10	-4	-114	101	-95			398
Week 3: Apr 24-30	250	165	-3	10	-4	-60	92	-92			358
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	500	267	220	35	22	10	-65	-106			883
Week 2: Apr 17-23	500	201	322	-28	22	10	-159	-23			845
Week 3: Apr 24-30	500	270	422	-148	22	10	-124	-26			926
				10ft Refri	gerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	64	21	21	10	0	-10	-18				88
Week 2: Apr 17-23	47	-107	-57	10	0	-15	-33				-155
Week 3: Apr 24-30	42	-169	-99	10	0	-15	-11				-242
			2	20ft Refri	gerated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Apr 10-16	19	1	1								21
Week 2: Apr 17-23	17	2	1								20
Week 3: Apr 24-30	15	2	1								18

# Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

June 2012-November 2012

Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>
20ft	338	1175
40ft	797	8200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74300
40ft Refrigerated	139	058
20ft Refrigerated	6	05

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



				Oakl	and	•				
				20ft	Dry					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	330	174	124	57	18	-4	-12	-37		650
Week 2: Apr 17-23	330	103	63	57	18	-10	69	20		650
Week 3: Apr 24-30	330	83	2	57	20	8	55	-30		525
				40ft	Dry					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	180	132	34	33	16	-10	-85	-104		196
Week 2: Apr 17-23	180	131	-11	30	19	-10	-133	-54		152
Week 3: Apr 24-30	180	18	-53	25	19	-10	-181	-56		-58
				40ft Hig	h Cube					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	450	305	115	105	20	-8	-13	-266		708
Week 2: Apr 17-23	450	384	-69	29	18	-8	-46	-286		472
Week 3: Apr 24-30	450	459	-485	-27	25	-8	-60	-290		64
	·		4	Oft Refr	gerated		,	,		
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	343	60	55	10	-25	-30	-84	-91		238
Week 2: Apr 17-23	271	50	105	10	-34	-190	-99	-91		22
Week 3: Apr 24-30	201	50	95	10	-51	-138	-100	-91		-24
	•		2	20ft Refri	gerated					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	18	10	5	0						33
Week 2: Apr 17-23	25	10	3	0						38
Week 3: Apr 24-30	34	10	-1	0						43

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
	Throughput									
J	June 2012-November 2012									
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Range of Indiv									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>								
20ft	853	26250								
40ft	899	14300								
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34400								
40ft Refrigerated	ated 358 26120									
20ft Refrigerated	24	08								

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	•	•	•	Savai	nnah	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	100	90	46	45	37	28	18	-14			350
Week 2: Apr 17-23	100	130	106	45	1	-63	10	20			349
Week 3: Apr 24-30	100	177	178	45	84	-53	12	12			555
				40ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	418	78	60	12	-8	-38	-51	-745			-274
Week 2: Apr 17-23	534	110	60	10	-67	-38	-30	-915			-336
Week 3: Apr 24-30	652	116	60	10	-66	-38	-36	-1,092			-394
				40ft Hig	h Cube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	375	289	138	12	2	-29	-168	-174			445
Week 2: Apr 17-23	375	386	94	10	2	-103	-135	-267			362
Week 3: Apr 24-30	375	474	84	10	2	-100	-150	-359			336
	,		4	10ft Refri	igerated	•	•	•	,	•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	173	89	5	-3	-8	-9	-25				222
Week 2: Apr 17-23	191	58	5	-3	-15	-45	-20				171
Week 3: Apr 24-30	200	51	5	-3	-20		-20				213
	•		2	20ft Refri	igerated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Apr 10-16	23	8	1								32
Week 2: Apr 17-23	22	8	1								31
Week 3: Apr 24-30	22	8	1								31

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
Throughput										
Ji	June 2012-November 2012									
Container Types	Average Total Range of Individ									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>								
20ft	449	0150								
40ft	982	0409								
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21385								
40ft Refrigerated	d 221 080									
20ft Refrigerated	4	02								

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



				Sea	ttle			•	•	
				20ft	Dry					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	70	64	10	8	4	3				159
Week 2: Apr 17-23	70	59	10	6	4	4				153
Week 3: Apr 24-30	70	48	10	13	4	0				145
				40ft	Dry					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	85	25	10	0	-22	-84				14
Week 2: Apr 17-23	85	16	10	0	-11	-135				-35
Week 3: Apr 24-30	85	1	10	0	-1	-201				-106
				40ft Hig	h Cube					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	156	87	40	10	8	-98			Ι.	203
Week 2: Apr 17-23	79	98	40	10	5	-98				134
Week 3: Apr 24-30	14	95	40	10	0	-98				61
			4	10ft Refr	igerated				•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses		Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	106	76	30	20	-104					128
Week 2: Apr 17-23	41	66	35	20	-104					58
Week 3: Apr 24-30	-35	64	30	20	-104					-25
			2	20ft Refr	igerated					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total			
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1	1								2
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1	1								2
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1	1								2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
Throughput										
J	June 2012-November 2012									
Container Types	Average Total Range of Individ									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*   Carrier Respo									
20ft	172	2970								
40ft	263	791								
40ft High Cubes	462	104148								
40ft Refrigerated	efrigerated 172 0122									
20ft Refrigerated	7	05								

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	•	•	•	Taco	ma	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	80	33	19	15	14	10	10				181
Week 2: Apr 17-23	66	-6	19	15	-47	-7	10				50
Week 3: Apr 24-30	68	-12	19	15	-47	13	10				66
				40ft	Dry						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	80	8	-4	-12	-89	-94	-133				-244
Week 2: Apr 17-23	80	8	-4	-27	-107	-161	-391				-602
Week 3: Apr 24-30	80	8	-4	-61	-113	-142	-587				-819
	ı			40ft Hig	h Cube					ı	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	100	8	-24	-47	-47	-95	-408				-513
Week 2: Apr 17-23	100	10	-187	-50	-47	-246	-401				-821
Week 3: Apr 24-30	100	10	-207	-119	-47	-194	-390				-847
	•		4	40ft Refri	igerated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Apr 10-16	288	5	0	-22	-99	-199	-291				-318
Week 2: Apr 17-23	321	5	0	-22	-109	-170	-158				-133
Week 3: Apr 24-30	307	5	0	-22	-166	-161	-142				-179
20ft Refrigerated											
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Apr 10-16	1	0	-1								0
Week 2: Apr 17-23	1	0	-3						•		-2
Week 3: Apr 24-30	1	0	0								1

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly									
	Throughput								
J	une 2012-November 20	012							
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Rang								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	<b>Carrier Responses</b>							
20ft	383	1300							
40ft	671	15500							
40ft High Cubes	797	76600							
40ft Refrigerated	493	0203							
20ft Refrigerated	4	04							

<sup>\*</sup>Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

# **Understanding this Report**

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from the 8 member carriers in the Westbound Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA). The WTSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, OOCL, K Line, and Hyundai Merchant Marine.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:

20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.

40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.

40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).

40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.

20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.

Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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